

(c) Government have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 60 lakhs in addition to the subscription of Rs. 4.5 lakhs towards the debentures of the Company. Out of this loan a sum of Rs. 48.5 lakhs has already been paid. The Mills have started working from 27th March 1963.

Steps taken to bring down the Prices of Essential Commodities.

Q.—214. Sri GANGADHAR NAMOSHI (Gulbarga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the prices of essential commodities have shown an upward trend during the last six months (detail figures for a few of the important centres may be furnished);

(b) the steps taken by the Government to bring down the prices;

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Yes.

A statement showing the prices of essential food grains in the markets in some of the important centres in the State is appended.

(b) The following steps have already been taken to stabilise the prices of essential food commodities:—

(a) Fair Price Shops have been opened for sale of Wheat and Sugar.

(b) The following Control Orders are being implemented:—

(i) The Rice (Southern Zone) Movement Control Order, 1957;

(ii) The Imported Foodgrains (Prohibition of Unauthorised Sale) Order, 1958;

(iii) The Mysore Foodgrains Dealers and Millers Licensing Order, 1958;

(iv) The Rice Milling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1958 (21 of 1958);

(v) The Rice Milling Industry (Regulation and Licensing Rules, 1959);

(vi) The Southern Rice Zone (Restriction on Rail Bookings) Order, 1958;

(vii) The Essential Articles (Display of Prices) Order, 1962 and Amendment Order 1963;

(viii) The Essential Articles Price Control Order, 1963;

(ix) The Mysore Sugar Dealers Licensing Order, 1963;

(x) The Sugar Control Order, 1963.

(c) The Mysore Foodgrains Dealers Licensing Order, 1963 is issued and it is proposed to be brought into effect from 1st September 1963.

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(d) The following further steps are also taken :—

- (i) With a view to build up buffer stocks of paddy/rice required for consumption during the lean periods of the year and with a view to safeguarding the interest of the cultivator, the well managed Co operatives were given encouragement to purchase paddy during the harvest. Accordingly, a quantity of 1,55 800 pallas of paddy was purchased by these Societies up to end of May 1963. The Societies have been permitted to release stocks up to 50 per cent of the quantity purchased by them in order to arrest the rise in the price of rice.
- (ii) The Centrally sponsored schemes, one for organisation of Consumers' Co-operative Societies in urban areas with a population of 50,000 and above and another for distribution of consumer articles in rural areas through Co-operative Marketing Societies are under implementation.
- (iii) The Government of India have given monthly quota of 10,160 tonnes of imported wheat to the State and this is being issued through Fair Price Shops and Societies in order to stabilise the prices of foodgrains.
- (iv) The Government of India have since agreed to the proposal of the State Government to renew the distribution of rice through Fair Price Shops during the lean period—August to December 1963 and to issue requisite quotas of rice from the Central Godowns for the purpose.

STATEMENT.

Statement showing the Prices of Essential Foodgrains in the markets during last six months.
(Compiled from reports received from the Local Officers of the Marketing Department).

Prices in Rupees naya Paise per Quintal.

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Paddy		Rice		Ragi	Jola
		First Quality	Second Quality	First Quality	Second Quality		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 Bangalore :—							
Jan. 1963		34 00 to 36 00	28 00 to 30 00	60 00 to 70 00	63 00 to 65 00	30 00 to 34 00	34 00 to 36 00
Feb. "		34 00 to 36 00	3 00 to 31 00	53 00 to 73 00	50 00 to 63 00	28 00 to 33 50	30 00 to 34 00
March "		34 00 to 36 00	28 00 to 30 00	53 00 to 73 00	44 00 to 65 00	29 00 to 32 00	30 00 to 32 00
April "		31 00 to 34 00	28 00 to 30 00	46 00 to 74 00	41 00 to 62 00	30 00 to 32 00	30 00 to 32 00
May "		3 00 to 35 00	2 00 to 31 00	67 00 to 77 00	58 00 to 66 00	33 00 to 34 00	30 00 to 30 00
June "		30 00 to 36 00	30 00 to 36 00	65 00 to 76 00	60 00 to 65 00	32 00 to 34 00	35 00 to 50 00
2 Mysore :—							
Jan. 1963		33 00 to 34 00	32 00	65 00	61 50	41 50	41 00
Feb. "		34 00 to 34 50	31 00	72 00	62 00	41 00	42 10
March "		34 00 to 35 00	33 30	75 00	51 00 to 64 00	37 50	34 00
April "		38 50 to 37 70	37 00	60 00 to 76 00	57 00 to 66 00	34 70	35 00
May "		41 00	38 90	67 75 to 75 00	61 00 to 63 00	37 80	37 00
June "		40 20 to 43 20	35 20	64 00 to 78 00	64 00 to 68 00	38 50	38 50

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	<i>South Kanara :—</i>						
	Jan. 1963	35 00	32 00	50 00	47 00	37 00	Not available
	Feb. "	31 00	33 00	60 00	5 00	38 00	"
	March "	33 00	32 00	61 00	50 00	37 00	"
	April "	37 00	36 00	65 00	55 00	36 00	"
	May "	38 00	37 00	64 00	57 00	41 00	"
	June "	36 50	36 00	66 00	56 00	41 00	"
4	<i>Belgaum :—</i>						
	Jan. 1963	26 00 to 37 00	31 00 to 35 00	70 00 to 72 00	61 00 to 65 00	40 00 to 41 00	36 00 to 40 00
	Feb. "	46 00 to 47 00	40 00 to 42 00	71 00 to 76 00	60 00 to 64 00	37 00 to 39 00	33 00 to 40 00
	March "	43 00 to 44 00	37 00 to 39 00	68 00 to 70 00	56 00 to 62 00	38 00 to 39 00	37 00 to 43 00
	April "	43 00 to 45 00	38 00 to 39 00	66 00 to 75 00	58 00 to 62 00	38 00 to 40 00	37 00 to 52 00
	May "	44 00 to 45 00	39 00 to 41 00	71 00 to 75 00	58 00 to 62 00	39 00 to 41 00	34 00 to 5 00
	June "	44 00 to 45 00	39 00 to 41 00	74 00 to 75 00	58 00 to 62 00	41 00 to 43 00	43 00 to 50 00